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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2010 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims section which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Definition of term "rectifiable" by Wikipedia at page 2 of 8 (arc length) is attached as Exhibit A hereto.